Bridge on the Mavelikara-Trikkunnapuzha Road.

250. *MR. A. ACHUTHAN (*Kartikapalli I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any estimate had been prepared for the construction of a bridge on the Mavelikara-Trikkunnapuzha road and across the Pulikkizhu Canal a few furlongs to the west of the 9th milestone on the above road; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the reason for the delay caused in putting up the bridge?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings, and Irrigation*):

(*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

Appointments in Municipalities.

251. *MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government have directed the municipalities in the State that all vacancies that occur in future in the municipal staff should be reported to Government, and if, so, why such an order was issued; and

(*b*) whether it is the intention of Government that, in future, appointments in municipalities should be made by Government?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Government have asked the Presidents of all the municipalities of the State that the available vacancies in the subordinate staff in the respective municipalities should be reported to Government. This was done with a view to find out whether it would be possible to provide in any of those municipalities for the disbanded employees of the Mavelikara Municipality which was abolished with effect from 1st Kanni 1112.

(*b*) No.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): May I know how many persons were disbanded from the Mavelikara Municipality?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): May I know whether any of them has been provided for in other municipalties?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Not yet.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): May I know whether the power of the Presidents of the Municipalities in making appointments has been suspended till all the men disbanded have been provided for?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No. The Presidents of the municipalities have been asked to report whether there are vacancies so that the disbanded men can be appointed. The power of making appointments exercisable by the Presidents has not been interfered with.

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MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know whether acting service in the municipality is a claim for Government service?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, Sir.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Is there not a rule which says that service in municipalities should be considered by Government?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not think so.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): At the time during which those appointments were effected, was there not a contribution by the municipality to Government in respect of the services?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): If the services of an officer of Government are lent to a municipality that municipality pays pension and leave contribution to Government.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): My question is, at the time these officers were appointed, was there not a pensionary contribution made by the municipality to the Government?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I think so.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Then is it not the duty of the Government to see that the disbanded hands are provided in other municipalities?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, Sir. That is why the Government have asked all the municipalities to report to Government the vacancies that may arise from time to time.

Acquisition of lands at Poovar.

252. ✻MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is a proposal to acquire some of the lands belonging to the Mahomedans at Poovar in the Neyyattinkara taluk and hand them over to the Latin Christian or other communities and if so, how and when such proposal originated, together with detailed information regarding the same?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Yes. The Government have sanctioned the acquisition of an extent of 3·65 acres of land in the Thirupuram *pakuthi*, Neyyattinkara taluk, for the purpose of putting up houses for the Catholic fishermen of Poovar. The proposal originated on an application received from Fr. I. Gonsalves, Parish Priest of Poovar, on behalf of these men and the sanction was accorded by Government after necessary enquiries.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): May I know whether this land was under the ownership and long occupation of the muslim residents of the place?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Yes. The lands belong to muslims.

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